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Re: JOHNNY ODELL

On December 7, 1963, Assistant Chief of Police, M. W. STEVENSON, Dallas, Texas, furnished a copy of a report concerning one JOHNNY ODELL, an employee of the Lone Star Mill and Lumber Company, to SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT. This report was made by Detective M. H. BRUMLEY and is as follows:

The following information was received from Detective P. M. PARKS, Administrative and Special Investigations Section, Special Service Bureau, Dallas Police Department.

PARKS stated that he received information that JOHNNY O'DELL, an employee of the Lone Star Mill & Lumber Company, 600 N. Wildwood Road, Irving, Texas, phone Bl 3 5121, made a statement to his fellow employees approximately four weeks prior to President KENEDY's visit to Dallas that someone should put a bullet between Kennedy's eyes.

Approximately one week prior to KENNEDY's arrival, O'DELL made the remark that his shoulder was sore, that he and some guys had been practicing with a rifle; indicating they had been practicing to shoot President KENNEDY.

"Upon receiving news that KENNEDY had been assassinated, O'DELL said to his fellow employees that 'you know that I didn't do anything', 'I couldn't do anything like that, I was just kidding'."